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HATIA IN NOAKHALI

Fishers in panic over rising robberies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Fishermen from Hatia island in Noakhali are in constant fear of attacks by robbers while fishing in the river and the Bay of Bengal during the peak hilsa harvest season.

On December 2, armed robbers attacked four trawlers in the Bay near Gangaria Char under Hatia upazila, looted goods worth Tk 26 lakh and left at least 20 fishermen injured.

Rasul Ahmed of Subarna Char upazila, owner of three of the trawlers, filed a case with Hatia Police Station the next day, accusing nine named individuals and 60 unidentified others.

According to the case statement, some 50 to 60 armed robbers led by Main Uddin Majhi attacked Rasul's three trawlers and another owned by Borhan Sikder around 3:00am. The attackers fired shots indiscriminately, hacked and injured 20 fishermen, and looted about 2,000kg hilsa worth Tk 18 lakh, 1,500kg of poa worth Tk 2.25 lakh, four barrels of fuel oil valued at Tk 44,000, 15 mobile phones, and food and nets worth Tk 3 lakh.

Rasul said fishermen are now afraid to venture into the river or the Bay because of the repeated attacks, despite it being the peak hilsa season.

At least five other incidents of similar attacks were reported in the past three months, though no cases were filed.

Main Uddin Majhi, 40, denied the allegations. "I am a boatman on a fishing boat. I had a previous dispute with Rasul Ahmed. He has framed me in this case over that dispute. I am not involved in robbery," he said.

AKM Azmal Huda, officer-in-charge of Hatia Police Station, said the complaint has been forwarded to the River Police for investigation. At least five other incidents of similar attacks were reported in the past three months, though no cases were filed.

Inspector Ashish Chandra Saha, in-charge of the Nalchira River Police outpost in Hatia, said robbers at sea fall under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard, while those within river boundaries are handled by the River Police.

"We have not received any complaints regarding robbery so far," he added.

Bangladesh Coast Guard sources also said they had not received any written or verbal complaints regarding the recent incidents. They said surveillance and vigilance have been strengthened to maintain law and order in coastal regions.

Notice
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 2065 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Rafiqul Islam, Chairman & Share Holder of Brothers Cement Mills Limited.Petitioner
Versus
Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms and another.
.....Respondents
Notice is hereby given that an application under sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Brothers Cement Mills Limited for the years of 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 and to relieve the officers, directors, managers, auditors etc. from any liabilities arising out of default for not holding the Annual General Meeting of the Company within the time specified.
And Hon'ble High Court Division comprising His Lordships "Mr. Justice Ahmed Shohel" admitted the application on 24th November, 2025 and directed the petitioner to publish notices of the application and to file an affidavit in compliance on or before 04th January, 2026. Anyone who is interested regarding the matter may appear in the hearing either personally or through appointed Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned Advocate subject to make payment of the prescribed fees.
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Supreme Court of Bangladesh
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A boy steps over the dirty water and jumps across the mud to reach the only dry spot on the alleyway, hoping to keep his shoes dry. Canal re-excavation, expansion and renovation work is underway across several areas in Chattogram, and due to a lack of proper arrangements, canal water has entered households and streets. The photo was taken in the Jamal Khan area of the port city yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Jatindra Mohan Sengupta's historic residence left to decay

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

The residence of Deshpriya Jatindra Mohan Sengupta, a historic British-era landmark in Chattogram's Rahmatganj area, now lies in neglect.

A noted leader of the anti-British movement, Sengupta was a five-term mayor of Calcutta Corporation during the British period and president of the All India Congress. He organised one of the subcontinent's largest labour movements as part of the struggle for freedom from British rule.

Cultural activists and civil society members have long been urging the government to conserve the site. Senior officials of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs visited the building in 2021 and decided to prepare a plan for its preservation and transformation into a museum showcasing relics from the anti-British movement in Chattogram, said sources.

Article 24 of the Constitution mandates protection of any monument or site of artistic or historical importance. A signboard announcing the planned museum and a plaque quoting

the constitutional provision were installed at the house, along with Ansar deployment, said sources.

No further step followed. The house has since deteriorated and is on the verge of ruin. A recent visit found bushes encroaching on the compound and the building visibly fragile. The signboard remains, but no security guard was seen.



Rashed Rauf, poet and journalist, urged immediate government action, saying the site is crucial for future generations to understand the country's history.

He said Sengupta's family made major contributions to education and social welfare, though many of their properties now lie in disrepair.

Dr Mahfuzur Rahman,

chairman of Liberation Struggle of Bangladesh and Liberation War Research Centre, said Chattogram's central role in the anti-British movement makes the residence an important landmark that must be preserved.

In a joint statement on August 29 last year, eminent citizens in Chattogram called for urgent government action. They noted that the house had hosted visits by Netaji Subhash Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Shaukat Ali and Mohammad Ali. The statement also alleged a land-grabbing attempt on January 4, 2021.

A Directorate General of Archaeology team led by regional director Nahid Sultana visited the site on July 25 this year.

She said they found justification for conservation and sent a proposal to the directorate.

Contacted, Directorate General of Archaeology DG Sabina Alam said she was unaware of receiving such a proposal and would check.

Archaeologist Dr Ataur Rahman said conservation work suffers because Chattogram lacks a regional office of the archaeology department, unlike every other division.

2 more die of dengue

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two dengue patients died while 455 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the DGHS, the deaths are from Dhaka South City Corporation areas.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of dengue-related deaths this year rose to 398, while the total number of cases stood at 98,284.

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HC rejects writ

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He said the court expressed annoyance over the submission of the petition.

Earul submitted the petition on December 3, stating that DCs and UNOs have been appointed as returning officers and assistant returning officers instead of district and upazila election officers. As a result, he argued, the Election Commission becomes dependent on the executive to hold the election, which he claimed is a violation of the constitution.

He argued that the EC appoints its secretary from the executive, creating an opportunity for the executive to dominate the commission.

In the petition, he also sought a rule asking the authorities concerned to

explain why the decision to appoint DCs and UNOs as returning and assistant returning officers -- replacing district and upazila election officers -- should not be declared illegal. He prayed for a stay on the election process until disposal of the rule.

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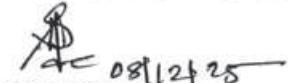
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CHATTOGRAM

DRONE-HIT TANKER Bangladeshi mariner, 9 crew finally rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Ctg



Mahfuzul Islam

The 10 crewmen, including a Bangladeshi mariner, who remained stuck in the drone-hit Chinese oil tanker MT Kairos for seven days while being anchored near Bulgarian coast, were rescued by a Bulgarian Coast Guard team yesterday morning.

"A Bulgarian Coast Guard team on a helicopter arrived around 9:15am (local time) and rescued seven of us from the oil tanker first due to space constraint in the helicopter. They are preparing to rescue the remaining three others," Mahfuzul Islam Plabon, the Bangladeshi 4th engineer of the ship, informed The Daily Star via WhatsApp.

Plabon said an earlier rescue attempt by the Bulgarian Coast Guard on Sunday failed due to heavy rain.

Ukrainian drones reportedly attacked the tanker in the Black Sea on November 28. The international media, however, earlier reported that the ship was part of Russian "shadow fleet".

A Turkish Coast Guard boat on the same night rescued its 25 crewmen, including three Bangladeshis, and took them to Turkey.

The 10 crewmen faced immense sufferings after failing to get positive response from Bulgarian Coast Guard for their rescue despite repeated calls in last few days, amid freezing temperature, inclement weather, and depleting food stock on board.

The ship has been significantly damaged in the drone attack, said Md Shakawat Hossain, general secretary of Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers Association in Chattogram, who was in regular contacts with Plabon as well as international organisations for the mariners' welfare and rescue.

The three other Bangladeshi crewmen rescued after the drone attack have already returned home, Hossain informed.

Sweets shop fined Tk 1 lakh in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court of the Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection yesterday fined a sweetmeat shop in Chattogram city Tk 1 lakh after cockroaches were found in its sweets, said officials.

DNCRP Assistant Director Anisur Rahman said the sweetmeat shop, Doyamoyi Sweets, had earlier been warned, but the owners failed to take corrective measures, prompting the fine.

During the drive conducted at Nandan Kanan and VIP Tower area in Kazir Dewri, the mobile